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## *Thinking Out Loud*

### ARE WE THANKFUL?

By EDW. C. UREN

We overheard a man say the other day that he could see nothing to be thankful for in the year that has all but passed. But it seems to us that the American people have a good deal to give thanks for.

There are two or three outstanding circumstances in recent months wherein our destiny as a nation has literally hung in the balance. They are well known to everyone who reads, but it will do no harm to reflect a little on past events.

There is no one so dumb sa an isolationist. We had them in our congress, in the senate and on the streets, while at the same time we were taking sides, making loud threats, carrying a chip on our shoulder and ferrying supplies to both England and Russia. We were in reality as much a belligerent as either. At the same time we were as helpless, from the standpoint of defense, as an infant in diapers.

That was our status when the Japs hit us on December 7th, 1941. Shortly after that a Jap sub stood off the coast and lobbed shells at the small refinery at Gaviota, thirty miles north of Santa Barbara.

On a siding at Gaviota, at the time, were two light coast defense guns still on flat cars. One of these cars was struck by a shell. Obviously the Japs were kept well informed from some source. During this scene our nearest bomber was based at Salt Lake and we had hardly more than a scant half dozen planes at either Los Angeles or Seattle. These are facts as told me by a member of the investigating committee.

If the Japs, after disabling our fleet at Pearl Harbor, had proceeded to the coast with carrier based bombing and incendiary aircraft they could have wrought dire destruction to the bay area, to Los Angeles and all coastal cities without any serious opposition. With all their preparation, spying and treachery, what kept these heathens from doing just this

Military men, outside of deploring the loss of life at Pearl Harbor, say that it was the most fortunate thing that ever happened to us because it brought us immediately out of our lethargy and indifference and started us toward the goal that we have now reached. Otherwise we should have addled along with divided opinions and an indifferent congress, which might have resulted in the defeat of England and the whole of Europe and Asia against us.

Again, if Germany after the debacle at Dunkirk, had followed up with an invasion attack on Britain she would have almost surely subjugated her old enemy; for England was that far gone. Of this fact the English themselves admit the probability.

Yet Hitler and his buccaneers, with all their years of military preparation and planning, with overwhelming modern armament failed to act. Instead of taking advantake of this obvious opportunity he turned around and made the fateful error of wrestling with the Russian bear — and therein he sealed his fate for, as the Russian says. he will be "kaput" most likely before next summer rolls around.

As for the Jap, we are as far apart as the two poles. Our customs, our language, our beliefs and our thinking are diametrically opposed. There can be no brotherhood of man with such beings any more than there could be with a nation of chimpanzees. It will probably take another year to exterminate enough of this vermin to make the rest of the war mongrels commit hari kari, and this will be done very likely without any great loss to the allies through air supremacy and by cutting off their ocean communication, which is particularly vulnerable.

When allied shipping was threatened almost to extinction by the submarine menace we can be thankful for the genius that perfected radar, that wonder of radionics, which detects by instant reflex the presence of any body either above the clouds or under the water. When radar was first used, if you recall, some 163 planes over London were brought down in one night. The presence of a sub, even though it lies still and submerged, can be detected and blasted—and so another menace has lost its fangs.

We can be thankful that in spite of all the shameful strikes, the profiteering, cost plus spending, bungling bureaucracy and the indifference of a cock-sure minority who are always willing to let the other fellow do the fighting, we are today in a position where we are really going someplace toward getting rid of the jackals.

In your own way of thinking you can digest these events which are proving so favorable to us and so destructive to the enemy as you please, and if you still can find no cause for being thankful, you are hardly worth fighting for.

## CAROL CHOIR IS HEARD IN GRASS VALLEY STREETS

The Grass Valley Carol Choir, in accord with its long time custom, on Christmas morning sang Christmas carols at the corner of Mill and Main streets, approximate center of the city's business district.

Last evening they serenaded the city at 7:30 o'clock from the stairway of the Morning Union Building following their Christmas tradition of many years. Last Tuesday their voices were heard in Camp Beale's Station Hospital and Thursday evening they sang for the USO Christmas party in Marysville.

Organized in 1880 as the Grass Valley Cornish Singers, by Cornish miners who brought with them to Grass Valley a rich repertoire of old English songs, not all of them carols, this group of singers has entertained Grass Valley and frequently, neighboring communities for 60 years during the Christmas holidays. Sons and grandsons have helped to maintain the high musical standards and traditions of their families. John Nankervis is president, and Harold George, conductor of the organization.

## ROYAL DUTCH PILOTS TO VISIT GRASS VALLEY

Following a conference with the Nederlands consular officers in San Francisco, James C. Tyrrell, manager of the Bret Harte Inn, announced yesterday that arrangements were complete for the visit of 85 Royal Dutch Air Force pilots.

The group is expected to arrive December 29th and they will stay a week to 10 days. The young men are to have this period of relaxation following 18 months of constant service in ferrying planes from this coast to points in the Pacific where they will do the most good.

The Grass Valley USO committee, the Elks and the American Legion have volunteered to see that the young men have a good time while here. The suggestion that Grass Valley would be a good spot for recreation, it is understood came from Lt. Com. Rommell of the Royal Dutch Navy wha was a guest at the Bret Harte Inn during the eummer.

### STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Stockholders of the Reliance Placer and Quartz Mining Company held a meeting in Nevada City on Dec. 20. Mrs. Kittie Kimball is president of the company. The mine is situated on the upper part of the Middle Yuba River. For many years Mrs. Kimball and her late husband developed the Reliance property.

### MT. SAINT MARY'S

Mount St. Mary's Academy Business School announces that the new term opens on January 3rd and all those who wish to register should do so on that date if possible, though new students will be accepted throughout the month of January.

### Rotarians To Dine On Ducks Next Thursday

The regular meeting of the Grass Valley Rotary Club was omitted today in order that members may join with the Nevada City club next Thursday in a duck dinner to be given in the National Hotel. The two clubs are endeavoring to hold one dinner each month together, alternating between Grass Valley and Nevada City.

### Supervisor Guerdon Ellis Answers "So Sorry, No Snow"

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of the Tahoe national forest, asked over long distance from Hollywood where some snow scenes could be shot, declared he was sorry but he did not know of a single patch of snow in this forest big enough for a movie scene.

The light mantle of snow which fell several weeks ago has long since melted under warm showers and the peaks now stand in their summer ruggedness of boulder strewn slopes and granite cliffs.

### Past Presidents N. S. G. W. Elect Officers

At a meeting of the Past Presidents Association No. 6, held on Wednesday evening, December 22 the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: Minerva Wright, past president; Mary Frank, president; Ann Tucker, 1st vice president; Luvia Kilroy, 2nd vice president; Lena Calanan, Marshal; Beatrice George, recording secretary; Adeline O'Connor, financial secretary; Virginia O'Neill, treasurer; Louise Wales, pianist; Sue Harris, inside sentinel; Lucy Kneebone, outside sentinel. Directors, Agnes Worthley, Hazel Veale, Mabel Cryer, Lulu Jones and Margaret Nolan.

### Albert Pratti Continues Scout Work in Bay Area

Albert Pratti, first Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America in Nevada City, is still carrying on in Boy Scout work in the war area in San Francisco. In recent weeks he was made a district commissioner in the Sunset District of San Francisco. Albert has under his supervision five Boy Scout troops and three cub packs. He has found a great difference between the youths of Nevada City or mountainous area and those of the larger cities.

In coming weeks Pratti plans to interest youths in mountain lore by taking pine burrs and boughs and show them to these boys who have never seen more than eucaplytus trees. While living here, Albert was untiring in educating the local boys in scout work and took them on many hikes. The two other Eagle Scouts of Nevada City are Capt. Warren Chapman and Ernest Helme.

### Girls Make Bazookas Instead of Washing Machines

America's new anti tank weapon, the "bazooka" described as something that might have come out of a highly imaginative comic strip, has been in mass production at one of the General Electric plants for a year, company officials have just announced.

Space and facilities in an unrevealed plant of the G-E appliance and merchandise department were converted from the making of home electrical appliances to manufacture of the revolutionary "bazooka". Girls who formerly made washing machines and similar devices make the weapon.

Though the "bazooka" gun is small enough to be fired by one man usually after a second man loads it, such a powerful projectile is hurled that after one shot struck a nearby tree, the commander of six enemy tanks surrendered them in the belief that he was being shelled by 155 mm guns.

### Donation Day Receipts

Members of the Ladies Relief Society of Grass Valley have reported that though the planned Donation Day parade had to be cancelled on account of the prevalence of flu in the community, that they have had generous cash donations which will be used to help the needy throughout the year. A large portion of it will probably be used to buy fuel for homes in need. Collections made by the Grass Valley police amounted to $316.22. Other donations have been made so that the total is now $408 and will probably reach the $500 mark.

## BIG PAY CHECKS, NO SCHOOLING GREAT MENACE

By LEONE BAXTER

Climbing as steeply as a Spitfire on the tail of a Hun, the graph of increasing child labor is cracking the composure of school authorities. parents and labor leaders who thought its ghost long laid.

From New York to San Francisco in big industrial cities and small agricultural towns, junior and senior high schools report from one-fifth to over half their students are now employed part time. The majority, too, are having a hard time of it, what with falling asleep in class and taking days out to rest up from the heavy schedule.

Fully ten per cent of the school enrollment transferred itself bodily to industrial and other payrolls in 142 and the exodus from the halls of learning continued throughout 1943.

There is no doubt that children are being exploited in many instances. But the main factor worrying authorities and parents alike is not any skimpiness in the youngsters' pay checks, but rather the obviously bad effect of an over supply of cash in the hands of adolescents.

The parallel paths of easy money, neglected schoolrooms and juvenile delinquency are too evident to discount or dismiss. And the hazard to health is second only to the moral danger. Young girls skipping school to make more money in their part time work as messengers than their teachers are living uhhealthily, at best. Fancy salaries for after midnight, setting pins in bowling alleys, ushering in theatres and serving in lunch-rooms are causing young boys and girls as much grief today as their loss of needed schooling may bring them later.

That unaccustomed big wartime earnings warp the wisdom of many adults is manifest in the beer parlors and juke joints of any boom town. The immature judgment of most juveniles can hardly be expected to exceed their elders.'

Deeply concerned, juvenile authorities believe that in the two years since this country's entry into the war we have slipped back at least ten years in handling child labor. The crusade in children's behalf which began over a century ago, last year experienced the worst set-back of its history.

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor appeals to parents to help their children understand that going to school is as essential a war job as any—and if out side work is done, to make sure the combined load is not too heavy for a child to bear. "Don't" the bureau counsels, "let your child sacrifice his future for immediate cash." To which adviee thinking parents surely must sobsrribe.

## NEW DRUG NOW COMPETES WITH PENICILLIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Competing for dramatic cures in some types of cases with penicillin, so-called wonder drug, is gramacidin, Prepared from soil baeteria by a relatively simple procedure it owes its healing powers to the same general principle as penicillin. So says Dr. Henry Brainard, clinical instructor in medicine in the medical school on the San Francisco campus of the University of California.

Gramacidin was discovered a year before penicillin, and is more than a thousand times as active in germ killing as the sulfomide drugs. Dr. Brainerd pointed out. However, it can only be used locally since it is insoluble in water and very toxic if given intravenously. It has been used successfully in cases of impetiogi, boils, infected wounds, burns and various types of ulcers; results are variable but sometimes very dramatic.

Gramacidin is much cheaper and easier to produce than penicillin and yields are much greater. It has a definite use locally, Dr. Brainerd concluded; it is generally effective in combatting streptoococci, pneumnoocci, and other gram positive bacteria.

## SCOUTMASTERS, CUBMASTERS COMMENDED

As the year closes, commendation was given to the volunteer leaders in cubbing and scouting of the Tahoe area council by James R. Johnson, council president and Robert H. Frank, scout executive. Any progress that has been shown in cubbing and scouting is due to the unstinting and devoted efforts of cubmasters and scoutmasters who are "on the firing line." giving direct service to nearly 600 boys in five cubs packs and eighteen scout troops throughout the Tahoe area council. The cubmasters are: Pack 3001 of Auburn, Hudson Hatch (Auburn 20-30 club). Pack 3002 of Nevada City, Glen H. Boyd (Nevada City PTA), Pack 3003 of Grass Valley, Clay Caldwell( Hennessy School PTA) Pack 3005 of Roseville, Rev. Arthur Ellis (Woodbridge School PTA) and Pack 3007 of Roseville, H. J. Schultz (Vernon Street School PTA). The scoutmasters are: Troop 2 of Grass Valley, G. A. Walter, (Elks Lodge), Troop 3 of Auburn, Clifford McKeay (Auburn Lions Club), Troop 4 of Grass Valley, James L. Beam (Grass Valley Lions Club), Troop 6 of Nevada City, Albert S. Bates (Native Sons of the Golden West), Troop 7 of Truckee, R. N. Swett (American Legion). Troop 9 of Penryn, J. A. Leak (Penryn Volunteer fire department), Troop 10 of Auburn, Fred Knudson (P. G. & E. Employees Association), Troop 11 of Roseville, P. Leak (American Legion), Troop 12 of Loomis, Earl Gates (Loomis Mens Club), Troop 14 of Roseville, W. V. Schultz (Roseville Lions Club), Troop 18 of Lincoln, Rev. David W. Thompson( Lincoln Rotary Club), Troop 19 of Auburn, Francis McKinney (Auburn Rotary Club), Troop 22 of Grass Valley, Lester J. Richards (Grass Valley Rotary Club), Troop 24 of Nevada City, W. M. French (Nevada City Rotary Club), Troop 30 of Roseville, A. Nyland (Latter Day Saints Church), Troop 32 of Grass Valley, Francis Jolly (Latter Day Saints Church), Troop 35 of Grass Valley, Blake Eastin (Laymeth Club).

## NEW BOOK ON UNITED NATIONS IS PUBLISHED

BERKELEY, Dec. 27—The Netherlands, second volume in the United Nations series, has just been published by the University of California Press, it is announced by Dr. Robert J. Kerner, Sather professor of history on the Berkeley campus, who is general editor of the series.

"One of the war projects of the University the United Nations series is dedicated to the task of mutual understanding among the allies and to the achievement of successful cooperation in this war and the coming peace," Dr. Kerner says in the preface.

Dealing with the geographical, racial and historical background and the political, economic, social and cultural conditions of Holland throughout its life as a nation. The Netherlands compiles the work of 21 contributors, each a specialist in the field he discusses. This volume has been edited by Bartholomew Landheer, chief of the reference and research department in the Netherlands Information Bureau, New York City, and Consultant in the Library of Congress.

The first volume of the series, Czechoslovakia, edited by Professor Kerner, won the American Graphic Society prize as one of the 50 best printed books of 1940, and the Czechoslovokia Prize for Literature in the same year. Ten other volumes are in preparation and arrangements are being made for others.

### ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Presents which the Nevada City Rotary Club played with for a while at their annual Christmas party on Thursday were turned over to the local police by the club. The police will distribute to needy children to make their Christmas happier. This presenting toy-gifts to each other at the luncheon is just a round about way of doing a kind Christmas act for children.

## BRIEF GLIMPSE OF WM. EBAUGH ON XMAS DAY

William Ebaugh, Willow Valley hermit, charged with killing the cattle of Charles Miranda, a neighbor, some six weeks ago, made a brief and reductant appearance on Christmas Day.

According to the story told Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen, Ebaugh was discovered at the abandoned Union Mine about three miles from his Willow Valley home by S. W. Tull, who has the mine in his care, was accompanied by G. W. Bishop and Howard Amos. The three were taking a short stroll and Tull looking through the cabin window discovered a rifle leaning against the kitchen wall. He knew he had left no gun there. The door was locked but Tull had left his keys home, so he forced the lock and entered. The rifle was a 300 Savage. As the three were examining it, a bedroom door flew open and standing in the doorway was Ebaugh with a Remington rifle at ready.

"Throw up your hands and line up against the wall" commanded Ebaugh, according to the report made by Tull.

Tull said they threw up their hands. They were unarmed. But they did not line up against the wall. They explained to Ebaugh they were not officers and with that Ebaugh set down his gun and began to talk. He said he did not intend to be taken alive. According to Tull, Ebaugh said: "The sheriff has the goods on me this time. He caught ne in the act, with a piece of a dead heifer in my house. I am not going to jail. I'm going to fight it out.'

Ebaugh begged the three not to give him away. But Tull assured him he would have to report the matter to the sheriff. Ebaugh then estimated it would take them half an hour to reach the sheriff's office, another half hour for the sheriff to get to Union Hill and that would be an hour's head start.

Following Tull's report the sheriff and two deputies did visit the cab in immediately. They found Ebaugh's big boots leading off into the forest but that was all. According to Tull Ebaugh is well armed and is well provided with groceries.

## ANNUAL XMAS PARTY AT COURT HOUSE

County officers and their staffs yesterday afternoon held their traditional Christmas party with Miss Alma Hecker, county treasurer in charge of the program.

The party opened in the supervisors room with community singing and toward the close light refreshments were served. This year one of the features of the celebration was missing. There was no exchange of gifts, nor a Santa Claus to distribute them. Miss Hecker explained that this custom began when 50 cents would really buy something and 50 cents had been the limit any gift could cost. But nowadays, she said there were so few things that could be purchased for the amount, it had been decided to do without.

County Clerk R. N. McCormack and County Reporter Miles Coughlan were unable to be present because of illness.

Visitors to the court house are impressed by the tall, beautifully adorned Christmas tree which stands in the vestibule. It is a work of art composed by the young women in the various offices, assisted by the janitor, Dennis Coughlan.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Issued on Dec. 23, at the county clerk's office at the court house to Herbert C. Lewis of Nevada City and Bessie Pendergrass of High Point, Carolina.

### BORN

BORN—At the Miners Hospital in Nevada City on Dec. 23, 1943, to Lt. and Mrs. Fred W. File, a daughter.

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## A STRIKE AGAINT OUR BOYS

No matter how they may seek to justify or excuse it, the threatened strike or railroad workers, set for December 30, is a strike against the nation's war effort—and a strike against our men in the armed forces. It is unthinkable that such a strike should be contemplated, let alone tolerated. If it is permitted, and our vital lines of supply are tied up, the lives of thousands of American fighting men will be part of the tragic price we will pay for a monumental blunder on the part of one of the most highly paid groups of union workmen in this country.

We can't afford another Pearl Harbor—and that strike simply cannot be permitted. Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, is quoted as saying: "I cannot and will not believe raiload workers will resort to a strike and stop transportation." That is not enough. In all frankness it is tim,e for Eastman, with the authority and backing of President Roosevelt, to declare: "'The government of the United States will not permit sucha strike—it will not permit this sabotge of the war effort—any man who walks out on strike will have to answer to his government for deserting his post in war time, just as a soldier would on the fighting front!".

We temporized with the coal strike; we have temporized with far too many other strikes, when American men are dying for every day's delay. We simply can't temporize any longer. And the American people will not tolerate it. We hope Washington undestands that.

## FOUR GOOD IDEAS

One congressman who has put into practice his theories on the necessity of unshackling production is Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who as chairman of a subcommittee on industrial reorganization, makes the following proposals:

1 A thorough study of incentive taxation and the enactment of necessary legislation to stimulate investment of private funds in productive enterprises.

2 Enactment of reform legislation to permit appeal from the arbitrary orders and decisions of bureaucratic agencies.

3 Enactment of a federal charter law to define the powers and responsibilities of corporations to enable big and little business to "bring to market the goods and services which must be produced if the national debt is ever to be paid."

4 Creation of machinery to permit industry to appeal from the decisions of WPB, and other war agencies regarding the allocations of materials, priorities, etc.

As the senator points out, expanding production is the key to prosperity after the war and it will have to be protected from domination by either government or private monopolies if the democratic system of free enterprise is to survive.

## PRACTICAL PARTNERSHIP

City and country can get along together and in some instances actually become the best of friends.

The partnership that exists between San Francisco and the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts is a splendid example of this.

All three have a direct interest in the utilization of the waters of the Tuolumne River watershed. San Francisco has its great Hetch Hetchy reservoir on the upper reaches of the river, from which it serves the city with pure mountain water, tapping the water on the way down the mountains for generation of power. The two irrigation districts jointly own and operate the Don Pedro Dam on the lower reaches of the river to serve their members with water and power.

The situation is one in which stife and discord could readily exist. In fact, at one time, not everything was sweetness and light among the three. But all that is past. Just last week it was jointly announced by the trio that they have entered into a permanent agreement for continuous beneficial water and power development of the Tuolumne River for the benefit of all concerned.

That is practical partnership between city and country. It can be extended in many other ways.

## 1944

The year 1944 should be the chronological keystone in the Nnited Nation's victory arch.

1943 witnessed the collapse and disintegration of the Italian Axis partner. 1944 should bring about the smashing of Germany, leaving Japan to be beaten and humiliated in 1945, unless it, too, throws in the sponge this year.

American war production has reached full tide. The punishment which the United Nations are in a position to deal out in 1944 is collossal and should be decisive.

The price we must pay will not be low, for cornered rats fight desperately for life. Germany and Japan are slowly being cornered, and we must expect their dying struggles to be desperate.

The redeeming features of 1944 will be its steady and inexorable march to victory. Thus, though the year probably will go down as one of the bloodiest in history, we may anticipate its dawn with hope.

Here's to 1944—Victory Year!

## JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder, New Year '44,
If we, at your express command,
Will take and use with ceaseless care

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE
BY TOPPS
TO RELIEVE MEN FOR ACTIVE WAR DUTY, MANY INDUSTRIALISTS ARE SERVING AS PART-TIME COAST GUARDSMEN
APPROXIMATELY 50 KINDS OF FISH ARE ABLE TO GIVE ELECTRIC SHOCKS
MUSHROOMS ARE THE LATEST ADDITION TO INDUSTRY'S GROWING LIST OF DEHYDRATED FOOD PRODUCTS
A NEW TYPE "DOUGHNUT" LIFE RAFT INCREASES CARRYING CAPACITY BY MEANS OF A PLATFORM HUNG BENEATH THE RAFT, SUPPORTED WITH MESH NETTING

This priceless volume from your hand;
Upon its pages clean and white,
Reveal the progress day by day
Toward that goal where right is might?

Through the hoary portals of time the old year goes his way and the new year 1944 comes, as a transient guest to this little planet called earth.

To each one of us the new year brings a rare and priceless kift; a volume of three hundred and sixty five days white, unsullied pages in which to inscribe the record of our days. Here indeed is a world made new. Opportunity is knocking more loudly than ever before. We may regret the past with its grevious errors, its sine of commission and ommission, its prejudices, intolerances and misconceptions, but here is another chance to write a better volume and build more stately mansions for our own souls and for the sheltering of humanity.

Few there are who will mourn the passing of 1943; yet it was a year of great achievement which will surely lead to worthier and finer results in the days to come. The tides of battle have turned in our favor, we have seen the growth of unity in the thoughts, words and actions of the allied nations and through this unity, if it can be preserved and strengthened, will come the boon of peace, and the establishment of an order in which liberty and justice will prevail.

We may well hail the new year with confidence, and we may well determine to use the gift of time to the best possible advantages. Rainbows span the dark clouds of battle, the dawn light of a new era streaks the eastern skies. The time is truly coming when the world will at length, be wrapped in universal law and it will be a great satisfaction to know that we have had, even a small part in creating peace and harmony in human relationships. The record is ours to write; here are the three hundred and sixty five white, unsullied pages. The challenge is inspiring. How can we fail?

1944 does not promise to be an easy year. There is still much work to be done, many battles to be fought and won; but victory will be ours. Somewhere down the pathway of our days, joy bells are ringing—somewhere, a clarion voice cries, "peace."

"Peace, and no longer from its brazen portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies!
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise."—A Merriam Conner.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT "NO STRIKE" PLEDGE?

Reading the news these days of Navy men being forced to finish building their own fighting ships, because union workmen walked out on the job; of the threatened nationwide rail strike; of the walkout of supervisory employes at Ford's bib bomber plant—of strikes here, there and everywhere— we can't help but wonder what became of that "No Strike" pledge that the unions gave the president of the United States at the start of this war.

That "N Strike" commitment, it might be recalled, was given voluntarily by labor at a time when congress was threatening to ban strikes by law for the duration. Do the labor leaders think the war is over—and that we can return to a oplicy of strikes as usual? Or just what has happened in this country that now, at the most critical stage of the war, we should have nation wide stoppages of war production?

We only know this—that if labor continues to flaunt its pledge, and strikes continue to spread, the people of this nation will have no alternative but to demand that strikes be prohibited by law, with drastic penalties for any violation of the "No strike" edict. We hope the right-thinking, patriotic workmen of America will call a halt to this strike epidemic before it is too late—and before congress is forced to do it for them.

# OWI PLAYS VITAL ROLE IN WAR OVERSEAS

By LEONE BAXTER

One brief glance at the cost sheet of war, and noboby here will ever again gasp at the formerly fabulous figures bandied about in Hollywood during the making of a stupendous film opus, nor blink an eyelash at a mere billion dollar federal appropriation for a public project in some eastern state.

The bill submitted regularly to America as its contribution to waging a global war, totals over 270 million dollars a day! And somehow it doesn't seem too steep a cost for men's freedom and dignity on the earth, when measured by the price that many are paying in life and limb and sanity.

Some of the war cost cannot be traced very clearly by the public which puts up the dollars. Some can. A sizeable slice, for instance, covers the operation of the Office of War Information, that bureau whose earlyactivities were so controversially viewed by news agencies, congressmen and the public that it was officially relieved of much of its domestic news handling some months ago.

Since then the subject of much civilian comment has been just what the OWI does in its overseas office and exactly how it helps the war effort. Director Elmer Davis believes that the propaganda phase of his program in neutral, allied, occupied and enemy countries is an essential adjunct to modern war. Presumably, the propect takes a leaf out of the Axis own book of tricks; to us it seems to throw the whole book at them.

On the positive side, the aim of the OWI overseas division is to paint the picture of America and the American war effort for neutrals and allied nations. Our troops stationed abroad are introduced by OWI facilities as friends and comrades, and the way is cleared for their reception as such.

In occupied territories the propaganda barrage, is molded to convince the people that liberation is near and the enemy cause is lost. The message is broadcast by shortwave and spread by leaflets dropped from the planes. The only change in the policy as the fighting tightens around the Axis core, will be seen in a strengthening of front line propaganda among enemy troops as well as among enemy populations behind them, it is predicted.

This is t strange type of warfare which needs no guns nor bayonets, and yet turns tides of battle. Confidence in it has been expressed by Generals Marshall and Eisenhower, and their oponions probably are good enough for the average civilian strategist.

The current overseas budget of the OWI is 34 million dollars—admittedly a tidy sum. But Elmer Davis, it is reported, figures it this way: With the daily cost of the war 270 millions, the OWI investment will return a clear profit of 236 million to the nation—if his office is able to shorten the conflict by even one day.

### RAILWAY POWER PLANTS FOR NAVY

Two mobile railway car power plants with 20,000 kilowatts of electric generating capacity have been completed for the Navy, the General Electric Company announced today.

They can be hauled over the rails at speeds up to 40 miles an hour, and G-E engineers estimate they can be "put on the line" within 24 hours after they are shunted into a siding at any naval shore establishment where they may be needed. Boilers are fired by oil.

When you remember that it took 40 years to perfest natural rubber tires, the strides made with synthetic rubber in a little more than a year are truly remarkable.


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# HISTORICAL SIDELIGHTS

**Editor's note: Cities and towns of Northern and Central California have had a colorful and romantic past, the salient facts of which are known to most Californians. However, much interesting information about the early days of these communities is sometimes overlooked. With no pretense to historical completeness, the San Francisco Regional Service Committee has assemgled some of this data in a series of articles of which this is the fifth.**

**SACRAMENTO**

Sacramento is the fifth capital of California, having been preceded by Monterey, San Jose, Vallejo and Benicia. The city offered $1,000,000 in 1849 to become capital of the territory, but was not chosen permanently until 1854.

Its history goes back to Spanish days, when the presidio was established and the river on which it stood named by Commandante Jose Joaquin Moraga for the Holy Sacrament. In 1839 came Captain John Sutter, the Swiss army officer, who founded his great private empire of New Helvetia. His reconstructed fort is a show place of the modern city.

Sutter's employe, John Marshall, discovered gold on Sutter's property in 1848, unwittingly ruined Sutter, and as unwittingly made California a state and Sacramento a metropolis. Sacramento became, with San Francisco, the great outfitting station for the gold seekers. Sam Brannan, the Mormon pioneer and San Francisco Vigilante, once owned a quarter of Sacramento and unimaginatively named its streets by numbers and letters, as many others have done elsewhere.

In the oldest section, near the river, many relics of the early days still stand. Here is the office of the Pony Express, its western terminus for the two years of its existence, 1860 and 1861. In the gambling room of the old Tremont Hotel, built soon after 1850, half a million dollars in gold dust often changed hands in a single game. When Brennan opened the City Hotel, still standing, he gave a party for all Sacramentans which lasted a day and a night. On 2nd street is a restaurant which has not closed its doors since it opened in 1849.

It was in Sacramento that four storekeepers grew rich in the days of '49 and laid the foundation for their emergence in San Francisco as the "big four" of the Central Pacific (now the Southern Pacific) Railroad. First to dream of a transcontinental railroad was Theodore D. Judah, builder of California's first railroad, the Sacramento Valley, which made its first run to Folsom in 1856, with Sacramento as its starting point.

**MONTEREY**

Monterey has been called the "kernel of California history." It was colonized by the Spaniards in 1770, and it was there that Portola officially declared California a part of the Spanish Empire. Monterey has been the capital of California under Spain, Merico and the United States of America. The harbor was named by Sebastiano Zizcaino in 1602 in honorer of the Court of Monterey, then viceroy of Mexico.

Father Junipero Serra founded the Mission of San Carlos de Monterey at the site in 1770 but soon moved his headquarters to the new Mission San Carlos Borromeo, five miles away. The old mission became the presidio chapel—the only one left in California. It is still in use as a parish church.

In 1818 Monterey was captured and briefly held by a French privateer, Hyppolite de Bouchard, operating from Buenos Aires. Insurgents under Juan Bautista Alvarado attacked it in 1836. The United States flag, raised by mistake in 1842 (Commodore Thomas Ap Catesby Jones had heard a false rumor that we were at war with Mexico), went up permanently in 1846.

The first American theatre in California still stands in Monterey; its first performance was a play given by soldiers in 1847. As elsewhere in California, this theatre claims to have been the scene of a concedt by Jenny Lind, who never made a western tour. The first American newspaper on the coast, and the first houses built of brick or of planed lumber, were also in Monterey. In Colton Hall, the first state constitution of California was drafted.

Monterey in early days was home quarters for 500 Pacific whaling vessels. The old whaling station now a private house has a patio and front walk paved with whale vertebrae. Prabably no city, in California has so many adobe houses dating from the Spanish times, most of them still in excellent condition. In one lived William Tecumseh Sherman from 1847 to 1849; in another, Robert Lewis Stevenson lived and wrote in 1879.

Next: Oakland.

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## Farm Market Hearing Is Set For January 16

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Although consideration of the future of the San Francisco Farmers' Free Market was postponed for the holidays, final decision on the problem has been made a first order of business for 1944.

The finance committee of the board of supervisors has set Thursday, January 6, for a conclusive hearing on the subject. At that time financial estimates of the cost of paving, equipping and staffing a market lot will be submitted to the committee.

Search for a new and permanent site for the market has been started, meanwhile. The present site has been made available to the city by its owners for the duration only and there is reluctance to spend substantial sums of money on such a temporary site.

One new site under consideration is on Turk street near Buchanan street on the edge of the western addition district in the center of the city.

# GOV. WARREN TO FEND OFF RAIDS ON TREASURY

By CLEM WHITAKER

Katch out for a veritable epidemic of "pork barrel" raids on California's war flush state treasury at the scheduled January meeting of the legislature, if Givernor Warren broadens the special session call to include appropriations and taxation.

The reason for that admonition, which comes from some of the state's most responsible fiscal experts, is that state revenues, during recent months, have far exceeded all official estimates, despite tax cuts authorized at the last legislative session. And expenditures, on the other hand, have been lower than expected.

The treasury, as a result, is as fat as a goose—and in just about the same danger of being plucked.

The State Department of Finance, shortl after the legislature adjourned last May, estimated on the basis of its revenue forecasts and actual legislative appropriations that there would be an unencumbered general fund surplus of approximately $9,000,000 on June 30, 10945. In addition it estimated that impounded general fund revenues would aggregate $86,000,000—this being mostly money ear marked for post war expenditure.

But the impact of war spending on California tax revenues was far greater than the department of finance estimated. Actual revenue collections of the state, from July 1 to November 1 of this fiscal year, exceeded monthly estimates by $23,000,000—and expenditures, conversely, ran $7,500,000 less than the monthly estimates. As a result the cash position of the general fund on November 1 was about $28,000,000 higher than estimated last May.

As a consequence, and because a good many legislators still pride themselves on "bringing home the bacon," there are already determined attempts being made to get the governor to broaden the legislative call to include various spending and tax reduction proposals. Teachers would like to get a number of millions to resuscitate their retirement fund. Old age pension groups would like another boost in pensions. And various lawmakers have been importuned to introduce tax reduction proposals which would lower the taxes of various special groups and interests.

Governor Warren, on the other hand, has to reckon with the fact that the state's "war riches" will dry up quickly and alarmingly, if there is an early termination of the war in Europe—and will disappear entirely, to be followed by a period of "tax famine" once Japan is knocked out. And during the post war period, untold millions will be required to care for idle workers and to aid the state in fighting off the threat of a new depression.

That being the case, don't be surprised if the governor sits on the lid—and refuses to let the law makers even get near the bulging vaults of the treasury. It would seem to be the fise course, if a debcale is to be averted later.

# PRICE CEILING REGULATIONS ARE SAFEGUARDED

Printed community ceiling price lists giving top prices for most grocery items have been issued by the Office of Price Administration and are now posted in all grocery stores in Nevada City and the surrounding towns, according to James J. Boyle district OPA director.

Price lists covering stores classified as Group 1 and Group 2 are on display in the wholly independent stores, while anothen list has been prepared for chain and large volume independent stores, classified as OPA 3 and OPA 4. These official lists will replace the mimeographed sheets formerly posted in the stores.

As their part is the pricing program, food dealers must do three things, Boyle said: 1—post the printed list showing prices on items by size and brand. 2—Display a card provided them showing the OPA group to which they belong in order that housewives can verify prices on the list accurately. 3—Show their selling price on or near each item.

Community prices are worked out for individual communities in order that grocers and consumers may know the top legal price. Mark ups and freight costs allowed retailers and wholesalers follow customary business practice, so, just as in normal times, prices may vary from stor to store," Boyle said.

"Prices may be lower than listed but in no case higher.

"The great majority of merchants in every community have indicated to us by their faithful cooperation that they are anxious to carry out the price control regulations. In the long run, merchants can be harmed even more than consumers by inflationary prices and black markets, and most merchants appreciate the fact that ceiling price lists clear up questions about prices."

# HOW TO SWEETEN WELL IN WHICH SKUNK DROWNS

Pity this unfortunate farmer who recently wrote E. W. Mitchell, General Electric Farm Adviser, as follows:

"A skunk got in my well. Although I have emptied the well fifteen times and cleaned it, the water still is not palatable: Is there any remedy?" he asked.

To this lament Mitchell replied:

"Sprinkle a can or two of chloride of lime and four counces of potassium permanganate into the well. After three or four days, pump the well dry three or four times—or till the taste of the chlorine is almost gone—and then hang a burlap bag of charcoal in the well. That should do the job; if not, repeat the operation."

As a consoling after thought, G. E. Farm adviser Mitchell added:

"It is hard luck for you, but remember it was a fatal accident for the skunk."

Because fleet operational plans are expanding, many naval officers serving ashore must be released for sea duty. There is a greater need than ever for quaified young women as officers in the WAVES to take over their jobs ashore.

## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE ★ By TOPPS

THE ANABLEPS, FOUR-EYED FISH OF SOUTH AMERICA HAS AN EXTRA PAIR OF EYES FOR USE IN SEEING ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.
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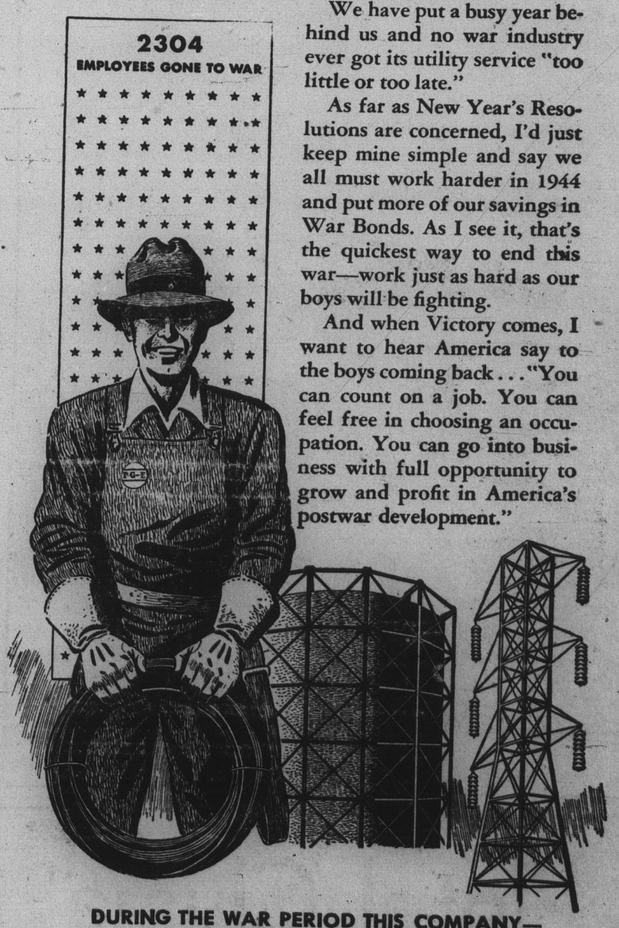


We have put a busy year behind us and no war industry ever got its utility service "too little or too late."

As far as New Year's Resolutions are concerned, I'd just keep mine simple and say we all must work harder in 1944 and put more of our savings in War Bonds. As I see it, that's the quickest way to end this war—work just as hard as our boys will be fighting.

And when Victory comes, I want to hear America say to the boys coming back . . . "You can count on a job. You can feel free in choosing an occupation. You can go into business with full opportunity to grow and profit in America's postwar development."

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# WITH OUR BOYS IN GLOBAL WAR

**Lt. Peter Orzalli—**

Lt. Peter Drzalli returned recently from an eight weeks course in Chicago and is now in the banking division of the federal government at Camp Ord. Peter Orzalli is the son of Mrs. C. Orzalli of Grove street and after completing school was in the employ of the local Bank of America and later transferred to Auburn.

**Lt. Harrison Randall—**

Lt. Harrison Randall was transferred to Camp Adair, Oregon, from Camp Roberts two weeks ago. Randall is in the infantry.

**Cledith Jones—**

Master Sgt. C. Jones, grandson of Mrs. Rose Jones, is in the hospital at Camp Lewis, Washington. In November he underwent an operation but writes his grandmother that he is feeling alright and doing very well though he will probably remain in the hospital for another month.

**Robert Vanberg—**

Robert Vanberg, with the armed forces in England wrote his parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vanberg that he had been invited to eat Christmas dinner with an English family. He also told his mother he was teaching an English girl American slang and she was instructing him in the English language. He was looking forward to "crumpets and tea" in an English home, for the first time.

Max Solaro, our former chief of police, left Christmas afternoon after a furlough spent with his family. He began his Sea Bee training at Camp Perry, Virginia, leaving there in September. He then trained for three months at Gulfport, Miss. and is now awaiting orders. Max left a rhyme with us composed by some of his buddies as they were pulling out of Camp Perry. Sounds as though the boys didn't like Camp Perry too much. Somewhere along the line however the training was mighty good for Max for he looks lean and hard and strong.

**THE LITTLE SEA BEE**

You can have your khaki, but I'll
take my navy blue.
For theres still another fighter that
I'll introduce to you.
His uniform is different, the best
you'll ever see,
The Japs call him a sea dog, but his
real name is SetBee.
He was trained in old Virginia, the
land that God forgot
Where the mud is fourteen inches
deep
And the rain will never stop.
He's set many a table and many
are the dishes he dried
He also learned to make a bed, and
a broom he sure could guide.
He has peeled a million onions, and
twice as many spuds,
He also spends his leisure time
a-washing out his duds.
Now, sister, take this little tip that
I'm handing out to you,
Just get yourself a good SeaBee for
there's nothing he can't do.
And when he goes to heaven, to St.
Peter he will tell.
"Another SeaBee, reporting, Sir,
I've spent my time in hell."

# Personal

Rev. Carl Tamblyn, formerly of Grass Valley but now rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Marysville has been elected president of the Lions Club in Marysville. Rev. Tamblyn has many times conducted church services in both Trinity and Emmanuel churches.

Lawrence Myers of Burlingame and D. Pederson of the bay district spent Christmas here with family members. A happy family reunion was held in the Charles Myers home on Gold Flat. Charles Myers expects to leave this week for the city district and visit with three sisters in a reunion.

Mrs. Arthur Innis and daughter, Mrs. Edward Buchanan, of Berkeley arrived last week to prepare for Christmas. Mr. Innis came up from below for the holidays during the week end. He is coordinator in the Kaiser shipyards in Richmond.

Will Veale left Friday for Sacramento where he is enjoying the Christmas holidays with a son, Calvin Veale, and family.

Mrs. Lucille Krough and daughter, Miss Betty Krough, of Sacramento spent Thursday and Friday in Nevada City visiting friends, returning home Christmas eve. They will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Krough's brother, Will Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tucker of Sacramento spent Christmas and the past week end in their home in Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ewing of Oakland spent the Christmas holidays in their home on the Tahoe-Ukiah highway northeast of town.

Carl Foote, employed in war work in San Francisco enjoyed the Christmas holidays with his family on Zion street.

Will Pearce left Friday for Oakland where he spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Will Moulton, and family. He accompanied George Crosby to the bay district.

Mr. and Mrs. James Axtell of Auburn spent Christmas and the week end at the home of Mrs. Axtell's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Gwin, and brother, John, on Zion street.

Gus Orzalli of Happy Camp, Siskiyou county, is spending a few days with relatives in Nevada City.

Mrs. Anna Tucker, deputy county recorder, is spending the week end holidays with relatives at Folsom.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schiffner and daughter Ernestine of San Francisco, cadet Cecil Schiffner, in aviation training at St. Mary's College and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Schiffner and daughter, Linda of Napa spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schiffner and Mrs. Etta Los Kamp at the Schiffner home on Prospect Hill.

Miss Betsy Bennett, who teaches in the high school at Challenge, Sacramento county is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clayton A. Bennett.

Miss Margaret Cushwa, student at the University of California is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cushwa of the Spring Hill mine.

Chief Warrant Officer Ed Steele of the U. S. Marines and Mrs. Steele spent Christmas and the week end visiting in Grass Valley. Steele, formerly manager of the U. S. Employment office in Grass Valley is now stationed at the Naval Marine Dettachment of the Naval Hospital in Oakland.

Mrs. Louie Davidson came down from Alleghany Friday and met her husband who came up from the bay region. On Saturday they went to Alleghany where a family reunion was enjoyed with Mrs. Davidson's mother Mrs. Sadie Rogers and sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Trewhella. Mrs. Rogers who has been very ill is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vanberg have as Christmas holiday guests their son, Warren Vanberg and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lanning, all of Los Angeles. Mrs. Lanning is a niece of Mrs. Vanberg.

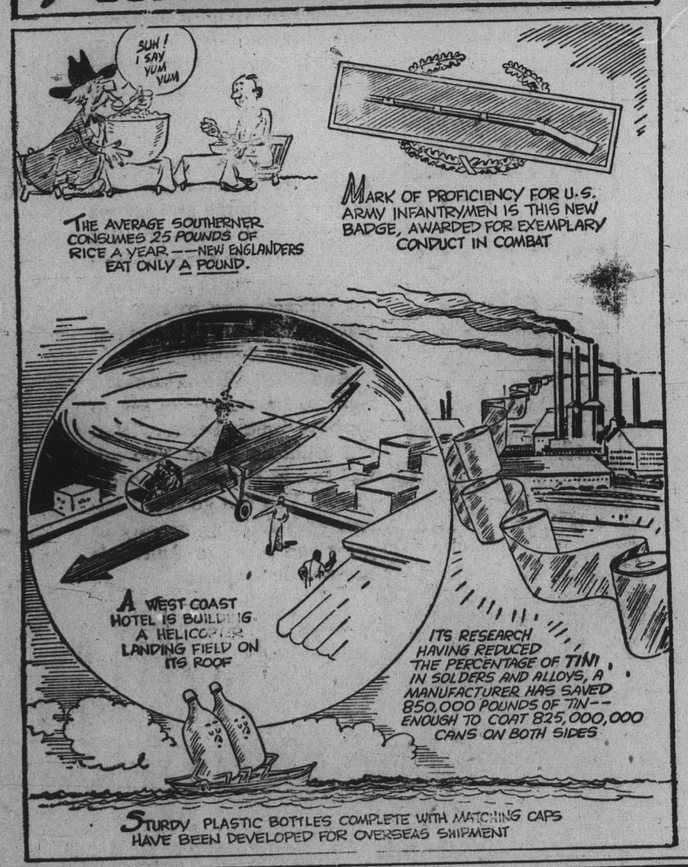
Miss Grace Limsey, of San Francisco, spent the Christmas holidays here with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Towle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams and son of Berkeley spent Christmas and the holidays with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Minnie Young.

Carroll Coughlan of the bay region was greeting relatives and friends in Nevada City Friday.

# THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS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THE AVERAGE SOUTHERNER CONSUMES 25 POUNDS OF RICE A YEAR — NEW ENGLANDERS EAT ONLY A POUND.
MARK OF PROFICIENCY FOR U.S. ARMY INFANTRYMEN IS THIS NEW BADGE, AWARDED FOR EXEMPLARY CONDUCT IN COMBAT
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# SERVICE MEN FIND S. F. STILL KNOWS HOW

San Francisco, handling 70 per cent of all embarkations to the Pacific theatre and carrying a greater load on its facilities than any other large American city, still equals and in many cases excels in hospitality to the nation's armed forces, the San Francisco chamber of commerce announced today.

According to a report to the chamber from the Convention and Tourist Bureau, almost 3-4 of all servicemen bound for the Pacific front, in which America has the largest fighting force of the major period of war, embark from San Francisco.

Representatives of 26 American city convention bureaus have agreed that the citys facilities, such as hotels, taxicabs, restaurants, streetcars, utilities, laundries, and groceries are carrying the greatest load of any other large U. S. city in proportion to the amount they are accustomed to bear.

In spite of this burden, San Francisco ranks with the nation's cities in hospitality to servicemen in the following ways: In public, private, and organization contribution, San Francisco leads. The city itself has appropriated $180,000 to provide 3000 additional beds for transient uniformed men and women. Of these 2,446 have long been in operation and the balance will be available soon. Each dormitory in this group provides a bed and breakfast at no more than 50 cents, which in no case covers the whole cost of the provision of beds, liners and services attending.

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Forty three bull elk were killed, three by women, in California's first elk season in 60 years, during December.

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California's commercial mineral water output aggregated 17,559,686 gallons in 1942.

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The United States government has $870,000,000 invested in reclamation projects.

# STATE CHAMBER URGES CHANGES IN LAND POLICY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Congressional action toward minimizing further purchases of property in California and toward restoring certain types of federally owned property to the tax rolls is strongly urged in a statement submitted to the House Public Lands Sommittee, by Sidney M. Ehrman, of San Francisco, chairman of the Statewide Tax Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

In the statement urging congressional relief, Ehrman pointed out that the federal government now owns nearly 43 per cent of the area of California With minor exceptions, Ehrman pointed out, all federally owned property is exempt from taxation, "although much of it enjoys the same services of state and local government as does privately owned property."

"Over the years," Ehrman said, "the federal government has been acquiring privately owned forest land in connection with its timber conservation and national park programs, and this has adversely afffected many of the state's rural counties. Since the advent of war, the federal government's property acquisitions have embraced not only large areas of valuable rural land, but important urban property. These war acquisitions have removed from the tax rolls of local government in California real property with an assessed valuation of more than $100,000,000."

Corrective measures urged by the state chamber are as follows:

That congress require federal agencies to acquire property through leases when the use of such property is temporary in character.

That congress consent to taxation of property which has been withdrawn from the local tax rolls for use in connection with tre present war; property used by the federal government in competition with private industry; federal housing, resettlement and similar facilities used by private citizens; and national forest and park lands to the extent that the services of local government are required.

That in the case of federally owned property subject to direct or indirect taxation, congress require that the payments be measured in the same manner and to the same extent as if the property were privately owned.

That the federal gvoernment pay its prorata share of existing debt service applicable to property withdrawn from the tax rolls of local government.

That congress enact legislation which will require the prompt and orderly disposition in the postwar period of property acquired for temporary purposes in connection with the war."

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More than 10,000 covered wagons came to California over the Emigrant Trail in the Gold Rush year of 1849.

San Francisco's post war "workpile" ha sreached a total of $54,428,075 worth of jobs to be done as soon as the war is over.

Four silver fox were trapped in California during the 1942-43 trapping season.

Los Angeles county led the state in output of miscellaneous stone products in 1942, with Alameda County second and Shasta County third.

The Hispano Suiza airplane engine, one of the principle pursuit planes of World War I, generated only 180 horsepower.

Sand dunes are classified as living or dead, according to whether they are in motion or stationary.

Virtually all of California's original vineyards, planted with European root stock, had to be replanted with American root stock, to resist a disease call phylloxera.

A magnum is a double sized wine bottle; a jeroboam is a double magnum, and a rehoboam is a triple magnum.

Tiny fish, scarcely an inch long, live in salt pools in Death Valley, survivors of the days when the valley was a huge lake.

Yosemite Valley was a state park from 1864 tuntil 1906.

The cutthroat trout is so named from two coral red splashes of color under its throat.

Foresters Pass, at an elevation of 13,500 feet, is the highest pass on the John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevadas.

Oaks are slow growing trees which require several centuries to produce high class saw timber.

Although the state of California owns virtually all of the San Francisco waterfront, the city has built an 1850 foot municipal pier at the foot of Van Ness Avenue.

**EDITORIAL**

## "SECOND FRONT" SOON

World War II is rapidly approaching its first great climax. In Britain's House of Commons, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden confidently declares that the grand assault on the continent is "very near"—and asserts that the Allies will throw everything they have into it. The opening of the "second front" may seem just a beginning, instead of a climax—but if it succeeds, as we all believe it will, even though at heavy cost, it will actually be the beginning of the end for Hitler. And the European phase of the war may well end within a few months, perhaps by early spring. It will not be easy; that we know. Our casualty lists may shock the whole nation and bring grief to tens of thousands of homes. But let us hope that as our troops land, the long enslaved people of Europe will rise and strike with such deadly effect that the Nazi debacle will come quickly.

# LEGISLATION ON ABSENTEE VOTE IS PROBABLE

By CLEM WHITAKER

Governor Warren's call for a special session of the state legislature, tentatively scheduled for January or February, will likely limit legislative action at the emergency session to two subjects—prison reform and liberaltzation of absentee voting procedure to enable California service men to vote at the 1944 elections.

The governor, of course, may broaden the call at the last minute, if any changt in war needs should require special legislation, but this is not considered probable and he is said to be definitely opposed to having the legislature attempt to dispose of matters at this time which can just as well go over to the regular session a year hence.

While actuaries are said to be at work on a re-financing plan for the teachers' retirement fund, it is reported that this program is still incomplete and that it is intended to ask Governor Warren to call a second special session on this issue for April or May.

The proposed legislation to liberalize voting procedure, so as to enable men in overseas service to vote at the May and August primaries, and at the general election in November, will probably provide for an additional 30 day period for absentee voting. Provisions for simplifying registration procedure for soldier-voters will be included in the program.

Governor Warren, with the aid of Attorney General Robert W. Kenny is said to be preparing an extensive prison reform program for submission to the legislature as a result of the recent expose of laxity in prison management at Folsom and in prison work camps. Just what shape this program will take is still undetermined, however.

Unless there is an unexpected switch in plans between now and the time the legisuature meets, the governor's call will not permit tax or appropriation bills to be considered at the special session, as the stat's fiscal experts are said to be determined to husband the growing surplus in the treasury for the rainy days that are bound to come when the war ends.

# BETTER, SHORTER ROAD INTO CAMP BEALE BUILING

CAMP BEALE, Dec. 23. — Residents of Grass Valley, Nevada City, Indian Springs and other communities east of the Camp Beale reservation will find a shorter route to Wheatland, Roseville and Lincoln upon the completion of a new road being built by United States Engineers.

The road running 11 miles from the point where the old McCourtney Road enters the easteren border of the reservation to the McCourtney Crossing of the Bear River, will save travelers to those towns a long and circuitous journey made necessary when the government took land and roadways for the military resesvation.

Building of the road for the use as a fire, military and civilian highway will necessitate improvements to the McCourtney Bridge over the Bear River, and the boards of supervisors of Yuba, Nevada and Placer counties are wrestling with this problem.

When the work being done by Colonel R. C. Hunter and the Hanrahan Construction Company is completed the new highway will be primarily for military use, but also will be open to civilian traffic.

The Fourteenth Street extension leading from Beale into Nevada County also has received extensive improvements for winter travel.

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A kitchen herb garden can be built around rosemary, basil, marjoram, thyme, mint, ainse, sage and tarragon.

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The assessed valuation of California property subpect to local taxation is $7,886,224,624.

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The Posey Tube, underwater vehicular tunnel between Oakland and Alameda built in 1928, is still the only such by-pass in the country west of Detroit.

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Wild fennel which grows profusely along many Californna roads, is a savory herb useful in cooking.

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